credit union makes the final underwriting decision and the sales or lease contract is assigned to the Federal credit union very soon after it is signed by the member and the dealer or leasing company.

- (c) Sale. A Federal credit union may sell, in whole or in part, to any source, eligible obligations of its members, eligible obligations purchased in accordance with paragraph (b)(1)(ii) of this section, student loans purchased in accordance with paragraph (b)(1)(iii) of this section, and real estate loans purchased in accordance with paragraph (b)(1)(iv) of this section, within the limitations of the board of directors' written sale policies, *Provided*:
- (1) The board of directors or investment committee approves the sale; and
- (2) A written agreement and a schedule of the eligible obligations covered by the agreement are retained in the seller's office.
- (d) *Pledge.* (1) A Federal credit union may pledge, in whole or in part, to any source, eligible obligations of its members, eligible obligations purchased in accordance with paragraph (b)(1)(ii) of this section, student loans purchased in accordance with paragraph (b)(1)(iii) of this section, and real estate loans purchased in accordance with paragraph (b)(1)(iv) of this section, within the limitations of the board of directors' written pledge policies, *Provided*:
- (i) The board of directors or investment committee approves the pledge;
- (ii) Copies of the original loan documents are retained; and
- (iii) A written agreement covering the pledging arrangement is retained in the office of the credit union that pledges the eligible obligations.
- (2) The pledge agreement shall identify the eligible obligations covered by the agreement.
- (e) *Servicing.* A Federal credit union may agree to service any eligible obligation it purchases or sells in whole or in part.
- (f) 10 Percent limitation. The total indebtedness owing to any Federal credit union by any person, inclusive of retained and reacquired interests, shall

not exceed 10 percent of its unimpaired capital and surplus.

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## § 701.24 Refund of interest.

- (a) The board of directors of a Federal credit union may authorize an interest refund to members who paid interest to the credit union during any dividend period and who are members of record at the close of business on the last day of such dividend period. Interest refunds may be made for a dividend period only if dividends on share accounts have been declared and paid for that period.
- (b) The amount of interest refund to each member shall be determined as a percentage of the interest paid by the member. Such percentage may vary according to the type of extension of credit and the interest rate charged.
- (c) The board of directors may exclude from an interest refund:
- (1) A particular type of extension of credit;
- (2) Any extension of credit made at a particular interest rate; and
- (3) Any extension of credit that is presently delinquent or has been delinquent within the period for which the refund is being made.

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## § 701.25 Charitable contributions and donations.

- (a) A federal credit union may make charitable contributions and/or donate funds to recipients not organized for profit that are located in or conduct activities in a community in which the federal credit union has a place of business or to organizations that are tax exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and operate primarily to promote and develop credit unions.
- (b) The board of directors must approve charitable contributions and/or donations, and the approval must be based on a determination by the board of directors that the contributions and/or donations are in the best interests of